This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

## **Listing of Claims**

1. (Previously Presented) An acylated indanyl amine according to the general formula (I) in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof

$$R^2$$
 $R^3$ 
 $R^4$ 
 $R^4$ 
 $R^5$ 
 $R^5$ 
 $R^5$ 
 $R^5$ 

wherein

R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are independently from each other selected from the group consisting of:

H;

unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$ -alkenyl and  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$ -alkynyl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of F, OH,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkoxy,  $(C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkyl)mercapto, CN,  $COOR^6$ ,  $CONR^7R^8$ , and unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted phenyl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens,  $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkoxy and  $CF_3$ ;

unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted phenyl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkoxy and CF<sub>3</sub>;

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R<sup>9</sup>CO;

CONR<sup>10</sup>R<sup>11</sup>;

COOR<sup>12</sup>;

CF<sub>3</sub>;

halogens;

pseudohalogens;

NR<sup>13</sup>R<sup>14</sup>;

OR<sup>15</sup>;

S(O)<sub>m</sub>R<sup>16</sup>;

SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>17</sup>R<sup>18</sup>;

and NO<sub>2</sub>;
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R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently from each other selected from the group consisting of:

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Н;
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halogens;

pseudohalogens;

unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ -alkyl the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of OH and phenyl;

OH;

 $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ -alkoxy;

phenoxy;

 $S(O)_{m}R^{19};$ 

 $CF_{3}$ 

CN;

NO<sub>2</sub>;

 $(C_1-C_{10}-alkyl)$ amino;

 $di(C_1-C_{10}-alkyl)$ amino;

(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)-CONH-;

unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted phenyl-CONH- and phenyl-SO<sub>2</sub>-O-, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, CH<sub>3</sub> and methoxy;

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(C_1-C_6-alkyl)SO_2-O-;
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unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted ( $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl)CO, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of F and di( $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkyl)amino;

and phenyl-CO, the phenyl part of which can be substituted by one or more substituents from the group consisting of  $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkyl, halogens and methoxy;

A is selected from the group consisting of CH<sub>2</sub>, CHOH and CH<sub>-</sub>(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl);

B is selected from the group consisting of CH<sub>2</sub> and CH-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl);

R<sup>5</sup> is a benzo[1,3] dioxole group optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of:

halogens;

pseudohalogens;

 $NH_2$ ;

unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ -alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$ -alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$ -alkynyl,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ -alkyl)amino, and di( $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ -alkyl)amino, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of F, OH,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkoxy, aryloxy, ( $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkyl)mercapto, NH<sub>2</sub>, ( $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkyl)amino, and di( $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkyl)amino;  $C_3$ - $C_5$ -alkandiyl;

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phenyl;
aryl-substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl;
CF_3;
NO<sub>2</sub>;
OH;
phenoxy;
benzyloxy;
(C_1-C_{10}-alkyl)COO;
S(O)_{m}R^{20};
SH;
phenylamino;
benzylamino;
(C_1-C_{10}-alkyl)-CONH-;
(C_1-C_{10}-alkyl)-CON(C_1-C_4-alkyl)-;
phenyl-CONH-;
phenyl-CON(C_1-C_4-alkyl)-;
(C_1-C_{10}-alkyl)-CO;
phenyl-CO;
CF<sub>3</sub>-CO;
-OCH<sub>2</sub>O-;
-OCF<sub>2</sub>O-;
-OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-;
-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-;
COOR^{21};
CONR^{22}R^{23};
CNH(NH_2);
SO_2NR^{24}R^{25};
R<sup>26</sup>SO<sub>2</sub>NH-:
R^{27}SO_2N(C_1-C_6-alkyl)-;
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and wherein all aryl, phenyl, aryl-containing, and phenyl-containing groups, which are optionally present in the said substituents of the benzo[1,3]dioxole group can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, OH, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkoxy, and CF<sub>3</sub>;

R<sup>6</sup> is selected from the group consisting of:

Η;

 $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ -alkyl, which can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of F,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkoxy, and di( $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkyl)amino;

aryl- $(C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl) optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens,  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkoxy, and di( $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl)amino;

R<sup>7</sup> is selected from the group consisting of:

H:

 $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ -alkyl which can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of F,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkoxy, di( $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkyl)amino and phenyl;

phenyl; and

indanyl;

and wherein each of the aforementioned aromatic groups can be unsubstituted or carry one or more substituents from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkoxy and CF<sub>3</sub>;

 $R^8$  is H or  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ -alkyl;

R<sup>9</sup> is selected from the group consisting of:

 $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ -alkyl which can be unsubstituted or carry one or more substituents from the group consisting of: F,  $(C_1$ - $C_4)$ -alkoxy,  $di(C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkyl)amino;

and unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted phenyl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of  $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkoxy, halogens, pseudohalogens, and  $CF_3$ ;

R<sup>10</sup> independently has the same meaning as R<sup>7</sup>;

R<sup>11</sup> independently has the same meaning as R<sup>8</sup>;

R<sup>12</sup> independently has the same meaning as R<sup>6</sup>;

R<sup>13</sup> is selected from the group consisting of:

H;

 $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl;

unsubstituted and substituted phenyl, benzyl,  $(C_1-C_6-alkyl)-CO$ , and phenyl-CO, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens,  $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkoxy, and  $CF_3$ ,

and wherein one or more of these substituents can be present;

R<sup>14</sup> independently has the same meaning as R<sup>13</sup>;

R<sup>15</sup> is selected from the group consisting of:

H:

 $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ -alkyl;

 $(C_1-C_3-alkoxy)-C_1-C_3-alkyl;$ 

and substituted and unsubstituted benzyl, and phenyl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens,  $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkyl,  $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkoxy, and  $CF_3$ , and wherein one or more of these substituents can be present;

R<sup>16</sup> is selected from the group consisting of:

 $C_1$ - $C_{10}$ -alkyl which can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of F, OH,  $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkoxy, aryloxy,  $(C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkyl)mercapto,  $(C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkyl)amino and di( $C_1$ - $C_8$ -alkyl)amino;

CF<sub>3</sub>;

and substituted and unsubstituted phenyl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkoxy and CF<sub>3</sub>, and wherein one or more of these substitutents can be present;

R<sup>17</sup> independently has the same meaning as R<sup>7</sup>;

R<sup>18</sup> independently has the same meaning as R<sup>8</sup>;

R<sup>19</sup> independently has the same meaning as R<sup>16</sup>;

 $R^{20}$  independently has the same meaning as  $R^{16}$ ;

 $R^{21}$  independently has the same meaning as  $R^6$ ;

 $R^{22}$  independently has the same meaning as  $R^7$ ;

 $R^{23}$  independently has the same meaning as  $R^8$ ;

 $R^{24}$  independently has the same meaning as  $R^7$ ;

 $R^{25}$  independently has the same meaning as  $R^8$ ;

R<sup>26</sup> independently has the same meaning as R<sup>16</sup>;

R<sup>27</sup> independently has the same meaning as R<sup>16</sup>;

aryl is phenyl, naphth-1-yl or naphth-2-yl; and m is 0, 1 or 2.

2. (Previously Presented) An acylated indanyl amine in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein in the formula (I):

R<sup>1</sup> is selected from the group consisting of: H; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy; CF<sub>3</sub>; halogens; pseudohalogens; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)-S(O)<sub>m</sub>-; and unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted phenyl, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkoxy, and CF<sub>3</sub>;

R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently from each other selected from the group consisting of: H; halogens; pseudohalogens; and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl;

R<sup>4</sup> independently has the same meaning as R<sup>1</sup>;

A is selected from the group consisting of CH<sub>2</sub> and CHOH;

B is selected from the group consisting of CH<sub>2</sub> and CH-CH<sub>3</sub>;

R<sup>5</sup> is a benzo[1,3] dioxole group optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of: halogens; CN; NH<sub>2</sub>; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkenyl, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkynyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>alkyl)amino, and di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>-alkyl)amino, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of F, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkoxy, phenoxy, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)mercapto, NH<sub>2</sub>, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)amino, and di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)amino; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkandiyl; phenyl; phenyl-substituted C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>2</sub>-alkyl; CF<sub>3</sub>; OH; phenoxy; benzyloxy;  $(C_1-C_6-alkyl)COO$ ;  $S(O)_m(C_1-C_6)-alkyl$ ;  $S(O)_m$ -phenyl; SH; phenylamino; benzylamino; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)-CONH-; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)-CON(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)-; phenyl-CONH-; phenyl-CON(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)-; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)-CO; phenyl-CO; CF<sub>3</sub>-CO; -OCH<sub>2</sub>O-; -OCF<sub>2</sub>O-; -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-, -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-; COO(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl); -CONH<sub>2</sub>; -CONH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl); - $CON(di(C_1-C_6-alkyl)); CNH(NH_2); -SO_2NH_2; -SO_2NH(C_1-C_6-alkyl); -SO_2NH(phenyl); -S$  $SO_2N(di(C_1-C_6-alkyl)); (C_1-C_6-alkyl)SO_2NH-; (C_1-C_6-alkyl)SO_2N(C_1-C_6-alkyl)-; phenyl-$ SO<sub>2</sub>NH-; and phenyl-SO<sub>2</sub>N(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>-alkyl)-; and wherein all phenyl and phenyl-containing groups, which are optionally present in the said substituents of the benzo[1,3] dioxole group, can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, OH, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkoxy, and CF<sub>3</sub>; and

m is 0 or 2.

3. (Previously Presented) An acylated indanyl amine in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein in the formula (I):

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R^1 is H, halogen or C_1-C_4-alkyl;

R^2 and R^3 are each H;

R^4 independently has the same meaning as R^1;

A is CH_2;

B is CH_2;
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 $R^5$  is a benzo[1,3] dioxole group optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of: halogens; CN; NH<sub>2</sub>; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted  $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkenyl,  $C_2$ - $C_6$ -alkynyl,  $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkoxy,  $(C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl)amino, and di( $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl)amino, the substituents of which are selected from the group consisting of F,  $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkoxy,  $(C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkyl)mercapto, and NH<sub>2</sub>;  $C_3$ - $C_5$ -alkandiyl; phenyl; phenyl-substituted  $C_1$ - $C_2$ -alkyl;  $C_3$ ; OH;  $(C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl)COO; S(O)<sub>m</sub> ( $C_1$ - $C_4$ )-alkyl; ( $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl)-CONH-; ( $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl)-CON( $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl)-; ( $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl)-CO; phenyl-CO; CF<sub>3</sub>-CO; OCH<sub>2</sub>O-; -OCF<sub>2</sub>O-; -OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-; -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-; COO( $C_1$ - $C_6$ -alkyl); -CONH<sub>2</sub>; -CONH( $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl); -SO<sub>2</sub>NH( $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl)); CNH(NH<sub>2</sub>); -SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>; -SO<sub>2</sub>NH( $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl)SO<sub>2</sub>N( $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl)-; and wherein all phenyl and phenyl-containing groups, which are optionally present in the said substituents of the benzo[1,3] dioxole group can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens,  $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkyl, OH,  $C_1$ - $C_3$ -alkoxy, and CF<sub>3</sub>; and

m is 0 or 2.

4. (Previously Presented) An acylated indanyl amine in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein in the formula (I)

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R^1 is H, halogen or C_1-C_4-alkyl;

R^2 and R^3 are each H;

R^4 independently has the same meaning as R^1;

A and B are each CH_2;
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R<sup>5</sup> is benzo[1,3] dioxole group optionally substituted with one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of: F; Cl; Br; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkoxymethyl; 2-amino-

- 3,3,3-trifluoro-propyl-; CF<sub>3</sub>; C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>5</sub>-alkandiyl; phenyl; benzyl; OH; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkoxy; phenoxy; trifluoromethoxy; 2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)COO; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl)mercapto; phenylmercapto; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl)sulfonyl; phenylsulfonyl; NH<sub>2</sub>; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)amino; di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)amino; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl)-CONH-; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl)-SO<sub>2</sub>NH-; (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl)-CO; phenyl-CO; OCH<sub>2</sub>O-; -OCF<sub>2</sub>O-; -CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O-; COO(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl); -CONH<sub>2</sub>; -CONH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl); -CON(di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)); CN; -SO<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>; -SO<sub>2</sub>NH(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl); and -SO<sub>2</sub>N(di(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl)); and wherein all phenyl and phenyl-containing groups which are optionally present in said benzo[1,3] dioxole group can be substituted by one or more substituents selected from the group consisting of halogens, pseudohalogens, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkyl, OH, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub>-alkoxy, and CF<sub>3</sub>.
- 5. (Previously Presented) An acylated indanyl amine in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, wherein in the formula (I):

 $R^1$  is H, halogen or  $C_1$ - $C_4$ -alkyl;

 $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are each H;

A and B are each CH<sub>2</sub>;

R<sup>5</sup> is selected from the group consisting of: benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl, and 2,2-difluorobenzo[1,3]dioxol-5-yl.

6. (Previously Presented) An acylated indanyl amine or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to claim 1, which is 2,2-difluoro-benzo[1,3]dioxole-5-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide.

## 7-20. (Canceled)

- 21. (Original) A pharmaceutical preparation comprising an effective dose of at least one compound of the formula (I) as defined in claim 1 in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio and/or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 22. (Original) A pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 21, which pharmaceutical preparation is in the form of a pill, tablet, lacquered tablet, sugar-coated tablet, granule, hard or soft gelatin capsule, aqueous, alcoholic or oily solution, syrup, emulsion or

suspension, suppository, solution for injection or infusion, ointment, tincture, spray, transdermal therapeutic systems, nasal spray, aerosol mixture, microcapsule, implant or rod.

## 23. (Canceled)

- 24. (Previously Presented) The acylated indanyl amine according to claim 1 selected from the group consisting of benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-carboxylic-acid (5-nitro-indan-2-yl)-amide, benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-carboxylic-acid (6-chlor-1-hydroxy-indan-2-yl)-amide, 2,2-difluoro-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide, and benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-carboxylic acid indan 2-yl-amide.
- 25. (Previously Presented) The acylated indanyl amine according to claim 24, which is 2,2-difluoro-benzo[1,3]dioxol-5-carboxylic acid indan-2-ylamide.
- 26. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical preparation comprising an effective dose of at least one compound of claim 24 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 27. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical preparation according to claim 26, which pharmaceutical preparation is in the form of a pill, tablet, lacquered tablet, sugar-coated tablet, granule, hard or soft gelatin capsule, aqueous, alcoholic or oily solution, syrup, emulsion or suspension, suppository, solution for injection or infusion, ointment, tincture, spray, transdermal therapeutic systems, nasal spray, aerosol mixture, microcapsule, implant or rod.
  - 28. (Canceled)
  - 29. (Canceled)
- 30. (Currently Amended) A method of treating in a mammal a disease selected from the group consisting of eardiovascular diseases, stable or unstable angina pectoris, coronary heart disease, Prinzmetal angina, acute coronary syndrome, heart failure, myocardial infarction, stroke, thrombosis, peripheral artery occlusive disease, endothelial dysfunction, atherosclerosis, restenosis, endothelial damage after PTCA, hypertension, essential hypertension, pulmonary hypertension, secondary hypertension, renovascular hypertension,

chronic glomerulonephritis, erectile dysfunction, ventricular arrhythmia, diabetes, and diabetes complications, nephropathy, retinopathy, angiogenesis, asthma bronchiale, chronic renal failure, cirrhosis of the liver, osteoporosis, restricted memory performance and a restricted ability to learn, or of lowering the cardiovascular risk of postmenopausal women or after intake of contraceptives, which method comprises administering to said mammal a physiologically active amount of a compound according to the general formula (I) as defined in claim 1, in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 31. (Currently Amended) A method of treating in a mammal a disease selected from the group consisting of eardiovascular diseases, stable or unstable angina pectoris, coronary heart disease, Prinzmetal angina, acute coronary syndrome, heart failure, myocardial infarction, stroke, thrombosis, peripheral artery occlusive disease, endothelial dysfunction, atherosclerosis, restenosis, endothelial damage after PTCA, hypertension, essential hypertension, pulmonary hypertension, secondary hypertension, renovascular hypertension, ehronic glomerulonephritis, erectile dysfunction, ventricular arrhythmia, diabetes, and diabetes complications, nephropathy, retinopathy, angiogenesis, asthma bronchiale, chronic renal failure, cirrhosis of the liver, osteoporosis, restricted memory performance and a restricted ability to learn, or of lowering the cardiovascular risk of postmenopausal women or after intake of contraceptives, which method comprises administering to said mammal a physiologically active amount of a compound according to the general formula (I) as defined in claim 2, in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 32. (Currently Amended) A method of treating in a mammal a disease selected from the group consisting of eardiovascular diseases, stable or unstable angina pectoris, coronary heart disease, Prinzmetal angina, acute coronary syndrome, heart failure, myocardial infarction, stroke, thrombosis, peripheral artery occlusive disease, endothelial dysfunction, atherosclerosis, restenosis, endothelial damage after PTCA, hypertension, essential hypertension, pulmonary hypertension, secondary hypertension, renovascular hypertension, ehronic glomerulonephritis, erectile dysfunction, ventricular arrhythmia, diabetes, and diabetes complications, nephropathy, retinopathy, angiogenesis, asthma bronchiale, chronic renal failure, cirrhosis of the liver, osteoporosis, restricted memory performance and a restricted ability to learn, or of lowering the cardiovascular risk of postmenopausal women or

after intake of contraceptives, which method comprises administering to said mammal a physiologically active amount of a compound according to the general formula (I) as defined in claim 3, in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 33. (Currently Amended) A method of treating in a mammal a disease selected from the group consisting of eardiovascular diseases, stable or unstable angina pectoris, coronary heart disease, Prinzmetal angina, acute coronary syndrome, heart failure, myocardial infarction, stroke, thrombosis, peripheral artery occlusive disease, endothelial dysfunction, atherosclerosis, restenosis, endothelial damage after PTCA, hypertension, essential hypertension, pulmonary hypertension, secondary hypertension, renovascular hypertension, chronic glomerulonephritis, erectile dysfunction, ventricular arrhythmia, diabetes, and diabetes complications, nephropathy, retinopathy, angiogenesis, asthma bronchiale, chronic renal failure, cirrhosis of the liver, osteoporosis, restricted memory performance and a restricted ability to learn, or of lowering the cardiovascular risk of postmenopausal women or after intake of contraceptives, which method comprises administering to said mammal a physiologically active amount of a compound according to the general formula (I) as defined in claim 4, in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 34. (Currently Amended) A method of treating in a mammal a disease selected from the group consisting of eardiovascular diseases, stable or unstable angina pectoris, coronary heart disease, Prinzmetal angina, acute coronary syndrome, heart failure, myocardial infarction, stroke, thrombosis, peripheral artery occlusive disease, endothelial dysfunction, atherosclerosis, restenosis, endothelial damage after PTCA, hypertension, essential hypertension, pulmonary hypertension, secondary hypertension, renovascular hypertension, ehronic glomerulonephritis, erectile dysfunction, ventricular arrhythmia, diabetes, and diabetes complications, nephropathy, retinopathy, angiogenesis, asthma bronchiale, chronic renal failure, cirrhosis of the liver, osteoporosis, restricted memory performance and a restricted ability to learn, or of lowering the eardiovascular risk of postmenopausal women or after intake of contraceptives, which method comprises administering to said mammal a physiologically active amount of a compound according to the general formula (I) as defined in claim 5, in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 35. (Currently Amended) A method of treating in a mammal a disease selected from the group consisting of eardiovascular diseases, stable or unstable angina pectoris, coronary heart disease, Prinzmetal angina, acute coronary syndrome, heart failure, myocardial infarction, stroke, thrombosis, peripheral artery occlusive disease, endothelial dysfunction, atherosclerosis, restenosis, endothelial damage after PTCA, hypertension, essential hypertension, pulmonary hypertension, secondary hypertension, renovascular hypertension, ehronic glomerulonephritis, erectile dysfunction, ventricular arrhythmia, diabetes, and diabetes complications, nephropathy, retinopathy, angiogenesis, asthma bronchiale, chronic renal failure, cirrhosis of the liver, osteoporosis, restricted memory performance and a restricted ability to learn, or of lowering the cardiovascular risk of postmenopausal women or after intake of contraceptives, which method comprises administering to said mammal a physiologically active amount of a compound according to the general formula (I) as defined in claim 6, in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 36. (Previously Presented) The method according to any one of claims 30-35, wherein the mammal is a human.
  - 37. (Canceled)
- 38. (Currently Amended) The method according to any one of claims 30-35 of elaim 37 wherein the disease is selected from the group consisting of unstable angina pectoris, acute coronary syndrome, heart failure, thrombosis, peripheral artery occlusive disease, restenosis, and endothelial damage after PTCA.
- 39. (Currently Amended) The method <u>according to any one of claims 30-35</u> of elaim 30 wherein the disease is selected from the group consisting of stable angina pectoris, coronary heart disease, myocardial infarction, endothelial dysfunction, atherosclerosis, and diabetes complications.
- 40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the disease is coronary heart disease.

- 41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38 wherein the disease is heart failure.
- 42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the disease is atherosclerosis.
- 43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38 wherein the disease is peripheral artery occlusive disease.
- 44. (Currently Amended) A method of treating in a mammal a disease selected from the group consisting of eardiovascular diseases, stable or unstable angina pectoris, coronary heart disease, Prinzmetal angina, acute coronary syndrome, heart failure, myocardial infarction, stroke, thrombosis, peripheral artery occlusive disease, endothelial dysfunction, atherosclerosis, restenosis, endothelial damage after PTCA, hypertension, essential hypertension, pulmonary hypertension, secondary hypertension, renovascular hypertension, ehronic glomerulonephritis, erectile dysfunction, ventricular arrhythmia, diabetes, and diabetes complications, nephropathy, retinopathy, angiogenesis, asthma bronchiale, chronic renal failure, cirrhosis of the liver, osteoporosis, restricted memory performance and a restricted ability to learn, or of lowering the cardiovascular risk of postmenopausal women or after intake of contraceptives, which method comprises administering to said mammal a physiologically active amount of a compound according to the general formula (I) as defined in claim 24, in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 45. (Currently Amended) A method of treating in a mammal a disease selected from the group consisting of eardiovascular diseases, stable or unstable angina pectoris, coronary heart disease, Prinzmetal angina, acute coronary syndrome, heart failure, myocardial infarction, stroke, thrombosis, peripheral artery occlusive disease, endothelial dysfunction, atherosclerosis, restenosis, endothelial damage after PTCA, hypertension, essential hypertension, pulmonary hypertension, secondary hypertension, renovascular hypertension, ehronic glomerulonephritis, erectile dysfunction, ventricular arrhythmia, diabetes, and diabetes complications, nephropathy, retinopathy, angiogenesis, asthma bronchiale, chronic renal failure, cirrhosis of the liver, osteoporosis, restricted memory performance and a restricted ability to learn, or of lowering the cardiovascular risk of postmenopausal women or

after intake of contraceptives, which method comprises administering to said mammal a physiologically active amount of a compound according to the general formula (I) as defined in claim 25, in any of its stereoisomeric forms or a mixture thereof in any ratio or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 46. (New) The method according to any one of claims 44 and 45, wherein the mammal is a human.
- 47. (New) The method according to any one of claims 44 and 45, wherein the disease is selected from the group consisting of unstable angina pectoris, acute coronary syndrome, heart failure, thrombosis, peripheral artery occlusive disease, restenosis, and endothelial damage after PTCA.
- 48. (New) The method according to any one of claims 44 and 45, wherein the disease is selected from the group consisting of stable angina pectoris, coronary heart disease, myocardial infarction, endothelial dysfunction, atherosclerosis, and diabetes complications.
  - 49. (New) The method of claim 48 wherein the disease is coronary heart disease.
  - 50. (New) The method of claim 47 wherein the disease is heart failure.
  - 51. (New) The method of claim 48 wherein the disease is atherosclerosis.
- 52. (New) The method of claim 47 wherein the disease is peripheral artery occlusive disease.